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In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 3, with the following amended paragraph:

Each of the holders in the preferred embodiments illustrated is made of a flat, preferably rolled metal stock such as a copper, zinc, or tin alloy that typically may be .015 inch in thickness and 2 inches wide. While the embodiment shown is made of metal, it is to be understood that the holder may be made of other materials such as plastics, wood, ceramics, etc. In FIGS. 1-5 one embodiment of the award bar holder is illustrated. The holder 10 as shown carries three award bars 12 each physically separate and independent of the others. The award bars typically may be made from the same metal alloy or other material as the holder but is normally approximately _______ inches in thickness, .40 inches wide and 1.75 inches long. While specific dimensions are suggested in this description, it is to be appreciated that the dimensions may be greatly varied, but obviously the dimensions of the bars will dictate the dimensions of the holders. The indicia carried by the award bars[[,]] may be stars, stripes, logos, badges, names, etc. die cut struck into the surface of the bars and they may or may not be coated with enamel or other material. The indicia may be mounted on the bars.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

In FIGS. 6 and 7 other embodiments for respectively holding two and a single aware award bar are shown. They are virtually the same as the embodiment of FIGS. 1-5 except for their length. While the holder of FIG. 1 may be approximately 4.25 inches in length, those shown in FIGS. 6 and 7 may be approximately 2.875 and 1.375 inches long, respectively. In the embodiment of FIG. 6, a pressure plate 26 is provided for each of the two award bars to be mounted in the holder, and in the embodiment of FIG. 7 just one pressure plate 26 is provided in the approximate center of the holder to engage the single award bar to be mounted in it. Each of these embodiments has a pair of pins and clasps like that of the embodiment of FIG. 1 to attach the holders to clothing.